

# MILESTONES

## JOSHUA

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Week of March 18, 2012

Message 2

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Share about a time when you were aware of God's presence.

Share about a time when you doubted God's presence.

Have you ever wondered if God would be with you like he was with biblical heroes?

### Joshua: Is God still with us?

*On Sunday, we learned that Joshua was with Moses on the mountain of God, with Moses at the Tent of Meeting when he met with God, and with Moses right up until he died.*

Read Deuteronomy 34:5-12. How would you have felt if you were in Joshua's shoes?

Read Joshua 1:1-9. What would God's promise have meant to you?

In Joshua 3 & 4, we are told the story of God parting the waters of the Jordan river so the people of Israel could cross into the promised land. How would that moment have affected you if you were Joshua? What if you were one of the priests? What if you were one of the "common" people?

Read Joshua 5:10-12. Scripture tells us that those who left Egypt died in the desert which indicates that those entering Canaan were born during the wilderness wanderings. Therefore, they have known manna as their main food for their entire lives. If it were you, how would you have felt on the day the manna stopped?

Has there been a blessing from God that you took for granted until it was taken away? How did you respond? How hard was it to keep from doubting God's presence?

Read Joshua 5:13-15. Whose side is the angel on?

*On Sunday, we recognized that the ultimate question is not whether God is with us, but whether we are with him. We doubt God's presence when he doesn't appear to be on our side, but that's never been how he's worked. **Read 2 Chronicles 15:2.***

*Joshua's life illustrates a biblical truth that repeats itself time and time again:*

***"God is with me when I'm with Him."***

### Take it Home

*That phrase can be encouraging, reminding you that God is really with you, or it can be challenging, reminding you of your own responsibility to draw close to God. Hopefully, it's both for you. **What does that phrase mean to your life right now?***

On Sunday, we considered a large number of verses to demonstrate God's promise to remain faithfully present with his people. Here are those verse references: Deut. 31:6; Isa. 43:1-2; Heb. 13:5-6; Matt. 28:20; 2 Cor. 13:11; Php 4:9; James 4:8.

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